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LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF POLICE FORCE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided funds for modernisation of Police Force and strengthening of security in the border areas, Mega city policing and Desert area policing in the country;

(b) if so, the total funds granted and released during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any request from various State Governments to sanction additional funds for modernisation of Police Force in view of increased terrorist activities and naxalite violence;

(d) if so, the names of the States and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(e) whether the Government has released additional funds to the State Governments; and

(f) if so, the total funds released during the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (b) : To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces, the Central Government has been implementing a Non-Plan Scheme, namely, the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme). Central assistance to States is determined keeping in view, inter-alia, the demands and security scenario in other States, utilization of funds by the concerned State and overall availability of funds under the Scheme as per the allocations received from the Ministry of Finance. Under the Scheme, funds are provided, inter-alia, for modernisation of Police Forces, including components such as mega city policing, desert policing strengthening of policing on the districts on the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan border.

A statement showing the release of Central funds, State-wise under the Scheme during the last three years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 and also for 2008-09 upto 30th September is at Annexure.

(c) to (f) : The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab and Uttarakhand have sought additional funds over and above the allocated funds. Additional funds can be given to State Governments under the Scheme provided additional allocations of funds are received at Revised Estimates 2008-09 stage from the Ministry of Finance. However, the release of funds will depend upon the utilization of funds by the States released upto to the financial years, 2006-07.